IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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5. (amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the step of sending a response further includes sending a second signal [to] in response to the request.

() () 8. (amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

detecting a signal on the bus indicating a request to access a second device;

monitoring the bus for a response by second device; and

sending a response to the signal after a selected period of time passes without a
response being made by the second device.

10. (amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the device is connected to the bus and unable to [response] respond to the request within the selected period of time.

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14. (amended) A method for emulating a device during initialization of an operating system, wherein the device is configured for use within a data processing system and may be attached to a bus within the data processing system, the method comprising:

monitoring the bus for a signal selecting the device for an input/output transaction during initialization of the operating system;

monitoring the bus for a response by the device in response to detecting the signal selecting the device; and

sending a response to the signal after a selected period of time passes without a response being made by the device, wherein the response indicates to the operating system that the device is present within the data processing system.

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18. (amended) A data processing system comprising: a bus;